

body at this time the motion which relates to the Lewis amendment and his motion is to reject the Lewis amendment.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Was there a unanimous consent motion approved to permit this bill to go onto Select File without consideration of Lewis' amendment?

PRESIDENT: Not to the chair's knowledge?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Well then if that's the case, it seems to me that in the past we've had the tradition here and I remember Senator Warner getting up and asking the chair that question here some time ago. Is it the tradition to be sufficiently courteous to a Senator if he has an amendment on a bill to leave it on General File until he has a chance to be here and explain the bill, his amendment. And the answer as I recall was yes, we shall wait. And so it seems to me to be courteous to Senator Lewis we should leave it on General File and this is only the first day this has been brought up. I don't see why everybody feels so pressured by the people on this. My letters have declined very recently on this and I feel it's courteous to Senator Lewis that we discuss this amendment at the time that he's here on General File.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney, your remarks are well accepted and the chair would only elucidate further by mentioning that however appeared to be the consensus of the body that it would be all right for Senator Kennedy to handle the Lewis amendment which I would submit might have mitigated the courtesy requirement here in regards to his particular amendment to the bill. We still have before the body and of course it was the chair's suggestion earlier this morning and maybe even improperly suggested that we try to hold things until those amendments could be printed so that we could look at them so that they would have time to lay them before the body because I realize that even to send the amendments out to have copies made was going to delay it long enough that it wouldn't be considered, so that's all that I guess I can observe at this particular time. We're still back to the original question before the body and if the chair remembers the position, it is Senator Savage's motion which is to reject the Lewis amendments, that's the issue before the body. Now, Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I at least would like to hear the amendment before I vote to reject it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Luedtke. Clerk will read the Lewis amendment.

CLERK: Reads amendment to LR 23.

PRESIDENT: That's the issue before the body and the motion is to reject that amendment. Now is there any further discussion of that rejection? Senator Kelly, do you wish to be heard on the motion to reject? All right. Senator Barnett, do you wish to be heard on the motion to reject? Senator Chambers, do you wish to be heard on the motion to reject?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would like if I may, Mr. President, to ask Senator Kennedy a question if he will yield.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kennedy, did Senator Lewis agree to have you explain his amendment?

SENATOR KENNEDY: My understanding and I apologize, my understanding Senator Lewis and I that we agreed to a word change, two-word change and I apologize that I didn't ask him to hand the amendment that he gave in and I did not check it because I thought we were talking about the identical thing. I'm sure